

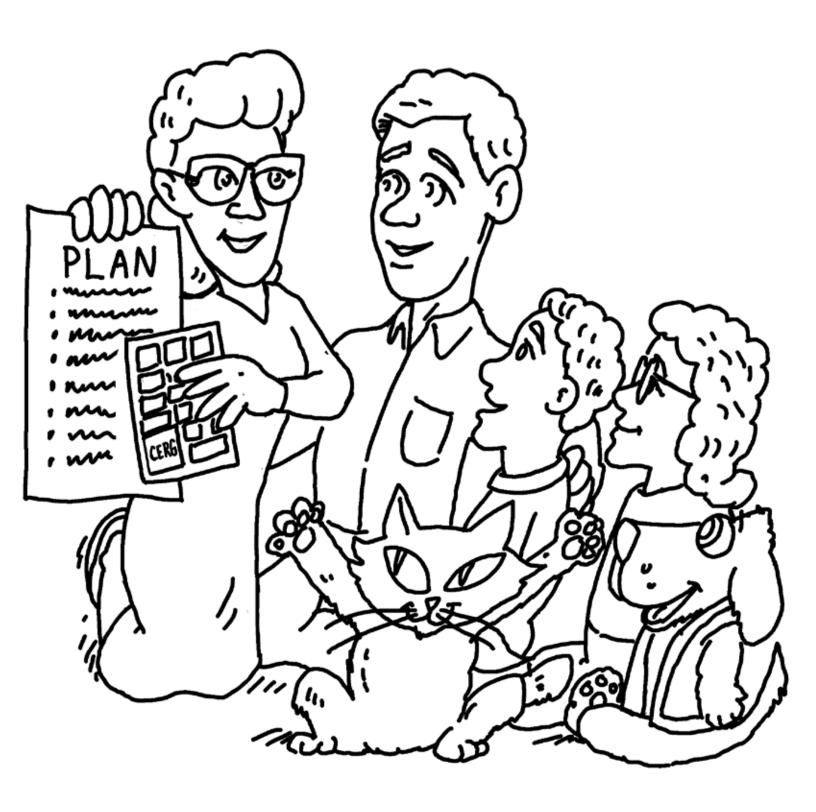


It was a very stormy night outside, making it a great time for Asher and Hailey to stay inside and spend quality time with their family. The family is enjoying the evening with the kids watching T.V., mom knitting, and dad reading the newspaper. Inside it is nice and dry, and keeps them safe from what is going on outside.



Suddenly, there was a loud BOOM outside, causing Stormy the dog and Cat-Five the cat to run and hide.

Asher went right to mom, and Hailey to dad, not sure what to do as another loud BOOM made the house go completely dark.



Mom quickly said, "This isn't the time to be sad or scared, it is time to put our emergency plan into action!"

Asher and Hailey never thought that this day would come, and were excited to finally put their emergency supplies to use! "YAAY" they both shouted together.



While mom helped the kids get their emergency kits out from their safe spot, dad sprung into action and called the power company to report the power outage.



Before you know it, everyone had their flashlight out.

[&]quot;See, now we won't trip on my toys in the dark!" Hailey shouted proudly.



Even with the power out, everyone was feeling more confident knowing that they were prepared due to their emergency kits.

Feeling less scared, Hailey noticed that it was past their usual dinner time "I'm hungry!" Hailey shouted.

"But what can we eat in the dark? How do we cook with no power?" asked Asher.



Dad pulled a can opener out of his emergency kit. "We just have to be creative! There is canned food in each of our emergency kits."

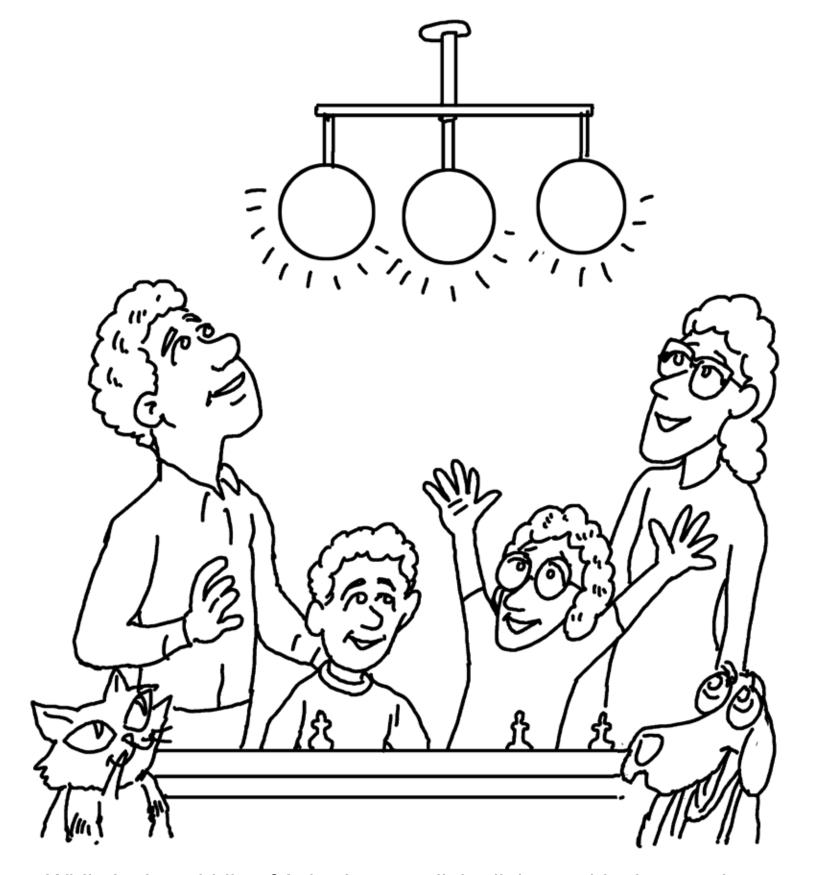
"Oh! I totally forgot about that!" Asher said.

Dad also reminds the kids not to open the fridge or freezer until the power comes back on.

"And since we cannot microwave, room temperature food it is," mom says. "We are together, that is what matters!"

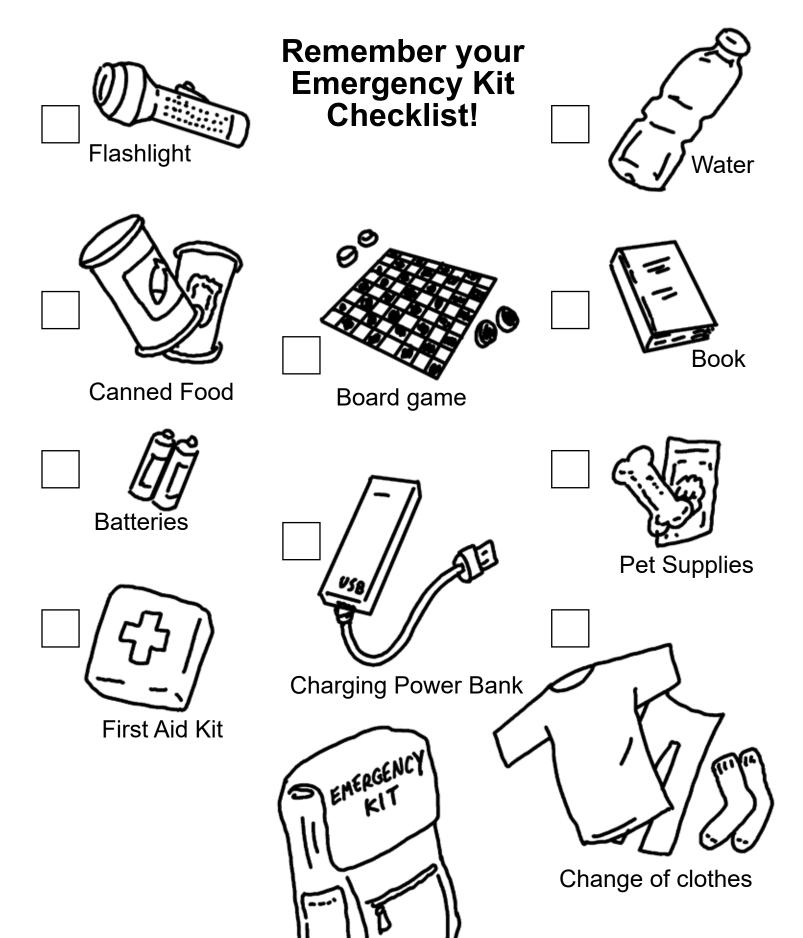


With full bellies, dad then shouted, "BOARD GAME TIME!" Everyone was very excited to play the game together, even if by flashlight!



While in the middle of Asher's turn, all the lights suddenly turned on! "THE POWER IS BACK!" the family shouted together!

No matter how scary it seemed at first, everything was back to normal now. And it went so well because the whole family was prepared to take on emergencies, together!



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